Model Floriculture Centre at Hyderabad

2684. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested for sanction of a Model Floriculture Centre at Hyderabad in view of a large number of foreign collaborations in floriculture in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India has sanctioned setting up of a Model Floriculture Centre in the State of Andhra Pradesh at a total cost of Rs.57.50 lakhs, under the Central Sector Scheme on Commercial Floriculture. The Centre would serve as the focal unit for floriculture development in the State and will undertake collection, multiplication and distribution of quality planting material of improved varieties; laying out demonstrations on new technologies and training of farmers/entrepreneur on various aspects related to production and post harvest management of flower crops.

Computerised Booking Facility at Kotdwara and Ramnagar

2685. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: SHRIMATI MALTI SARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider the request of the people of hill district for the computerisation of ticket booking in Kotdwara and Ramnagar; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Provision of computerised passenger reservation facilities is an on-going process and these facilities are provided at stations as per norms and subject to the availability of funds. The reservation workload at Kotdwara and Ramnagar is much less than the criterion of reservation related transactions per day and does not justify provision of these facilities at present. It can be considered when the criterion is met.

Dairy Development in North-Eastern Region

2686. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different schemes sanctioned during the preceding three years for dairy-development in North-Eastern region in general and Assam in particular, alongwith allocations made, scheme-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to accelerate and augment these during the current financial year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Government of India is implementing a Central Sector Plan Scheme "Integrated Dairy Development Project" in non-Operation Flood, Hilly and Backward Areas. A statement indicating the approved cost of projects and funds released for dairy development in North Eastern Region under the above scheme is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Release of funds during the current financial year would depend upon the pace of utilisation of funds already released to the State Governments and the physical progress of the projects.